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NEW JURY DRAWN

Monday Jury Commissioners Harlan G. Scott and J. Wilkins Cooch drew the following petit jury to serve in the Court of General Sessions for the two weeks, commencing on Monday next.

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Second District—William D. Morrow, Enoch Young, William Springer, Amos Hahn.

Third District—Charles E. Dubell, James Bowe, Thomas E. Beliah, Joseph D. Patton.

Fourth District—Eugene W. Stirlith, Millard L. Davis, Conrad Keller, George H. Huber.

Fifth District—Harry J. Zeigler, Samuel S. Adams, Sr., James E. Kirkpatrick, Frank M. Sevier.

Sixth District—Eugene L. Husbands, William Hinkson.

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Ninth District—H. Winth, James M. Pennington, Oliver Rothwell.

Tenth District—John F. Stoops, David Heid.

Eleventh District—Thomas O'Connell, Edward Comley.

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Fifteenth District—James Walton, William W. Derrickson.

FUNNY THINGS OF METHODISM

"Some Funny Things in Methodism," was the unique title of an address by the Rev. E. L. Hubbard, of Baltimore, formerly of Wilmington, in Mt. Salem M. E. Church last night. The funniest thing of Methodism, according to Mr. Hubbard, although he at the same time realized its seriousness was that Methodism has been affected by the "higher criticism."

The fire and vim of the old Methodist fathers has given away to dilletantteism and the "higher criticism," according to Mr. Hubbard. He contrasted its lowly inception and struggles with its present development. "Did our fathers intend that the Methodist Church should be what it is to-day?" Mr. Hubbard asked. He thought not.

Mr. Hubbard thought that present Methodism wasn't "making good."

"We want everything but what the fathers intended that we should have," he added.

That reminded him of the story of the physician who asked the little boy what he would rather have, a little sister or a little brother.

"I want a billy goat," said the boy.

"And that's what we present day Methodists are asking," he declaerd. "We want everything but the fine old doctrine and fire of our Methodist forefathers.

"Let us Methodists grasp every opportunity to feel the old fire. Let us do like the minister who was informed by his host that the room which he was to occupy for the night was to be used for a dance during the evening. He didn't complain. He just converted all the dancers."

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

According to figures compiled by the United States Department of Ariculture relative to the 1908 hog crop, there was on September 1 a shortage of hogs as compared with the same date last year of approximately 5,000,000 head. At the same date in 1907 the total number of hogs in this country aggregated 54,794,000 while this year the total had diminished to 49,728,845 head. This is a reduction of over 9 per cent. in this year's hog crop.

The possibilities of an acre of good ground are as follows: One acre of onions can be made to yield from 445 to 600 bushels; one acre sweet potatoes, 500 to 600 bushels; one acre of beets, 300 to 400 bushels; one acre of cabbage, 8000 heads; and one acre of potatoes, 100 to 300 bushels.

Here are actual results, each item referring to the product of an acre where the grower was a specialist: Asparagus, 30 bunches, 20 cents a bunch, $600. Cauliflower, 100 to 300 pounds, $450. Onions, 600 bushels, 75 cents, $450. Cabbage seed, 1000 pounds, 40 cents a pound, $400. Potatoes, 175 bushels, low estimate, $175. Cabbage, 7000 heads, $500.

Fresh hardwood ashes would contain at least 5 per cent. of potash, 1 per cent. of phosphoric acid and a good quantity of lime; also other materials which are of some value to growing plants and trees. Wood ashes are one of the best preparations for top-dressing grass land, for potatoes and onions, and for orchards.

The precise benefit of salt for dairy cattle is hardly known, but experience shows that it is worth while to feed it quite freely in such quantities as the cows will take. Cows having salt kept before them all the time will not eat too much, but they may be overfed with salt if they have not been given any for a long time. The salt stimulates the appetite and increases the flow of body fluids.

According to Dr. David Roberts, Wisconsin State Veterinarian, milk cows require different feed than beef cattle, and not much fat-forming foods should be given, as the cows are then apt to lay on fat instead of producing milk. More silage of roots should be fed in the winter. Daily feed a 1000-pound cow 40 pounds clover hay, eight pounds of grain. The cows that are soon to freshen should be fed on succulent feed, such as silage or roots, bran, linseed meal with a little oats. Keep the bowels open and do not feed very heavy on grain just before or after calving.

Around Charleston, S. C., is found the largest acreage of purely truck-crop cabbage in the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture Year Books for 1907 says that the area surrounding a single shipping point in this region in 1905 produced a head of cabbage for every inhabitant of the United States.

It is claimed that a freshly laid egg placed in a bucketful of water will sink to the bottom; one day old will sink nearly to the bottom: two days old about halfway up; three days old will float not quite at the top; four day old just touch the top; five and six days, rise a little above the top, rising a little higher as it daily grows older.

A funny incident happened before the 680 teachers assembled in county Institute at Norristown, Pa., recently. Professor H. A. Surface, the State Economic Zoologist, addressed them, and displayed some sample corn, which had grown to immense size hereabouts. In examining a particularly long ear, which measured 17 inches, he found that there had been some nature faking going on, for the ear came apart and the glue with which it was stuck was revealed. The cobs, in the centre of which a stick had been affixed, were of two colors, red and white, the "faker" no doubt never suspecting that the "boss" inspector would get next.

When fowls crow at night, which is the fact when the number quartered is greater than the capacity of the house, they sweat. This sweating causes the feathers to rot at the base, giving them the very appearance of molting. This explains why so many flocks look ragged in early summer.

"It would in a sense be better to wash eggs sent to market than to send them in a dirty condition. But washed eggs have no keeping qualities. The water appears to dissolve the gelatinous substance which seals the pores of the shell, and air is thus admitted and soon starts decomposition. The better way to treat dirty eggs is to take a woolen rag only slightly moistened with water and gently rub off the dirt.

Much old dried fruit will be found hanging on the trees at this season of the year. This is especially true of peach and plum trees. In nearly all orchards nearly every tree contains from a dozen to a hundred or more of these fruit "mummies." They are full of the spores of fruit disease germs and will spoil next year's fruit if not removed this winter.

A sick animal should be placed in a well disinfected and dry box stall with plenty of bedding and sunlight (avoid drafts). In cold weather place a blanket on the animal, feed sparingly with digestible food, such as bran mashes made of linseed tea; keep manger sweet and clean. Water should be pure and clean, and warmed when necessary. It is always necessary for new milch cows to be given warm water.

Many sheepmen lose on their sheep because they allow their ewes to run down and become weak, with the result that their lambs are weak, puny things, which have a hard tussle to pull through. Some seem to think that the stalk field is an ideal place to winter ewes. It may be a fine place for them to run in for exercise, but certainly it is not a fit place to make them gather a living. Ewes should now be fed liberally of both grain and forage. Oats with some corn, with plenty of clover or alfalfa hay, will bring them to lambing time in fit condition to bear strong lambs and take care of them. An occasional allowance of bran and meal will also be good for them from the time they are taken off of pasture until they are turned out in the spring.

STATE FINANCES ARE REPORTED

Interesting Statement Made Yesterday by Former State Treasurer Rawlins

DOVER, DEL., Jan. 11.—The annual reports of retiring state treasurer Thomas N. Rawlins and auditor of accounts, Thomas C. Roe, were presented to the General Assembly to-day, but no action was taken on them, other than accepting them and ordering them spread upon the journals.

In his report, the state auditor calls attention to some defect in the law, which handicap him in the performance of his duties. He says:

"In presenting this report, I am well aware of the fact that it is impossible for this department to supply to your honorable body, the full detailed information contemplated. Under the existing statutes, the auditor may knock at the door of the different departments of the state, but should the officer decline either to admit or supply the information asked for, there is no provision made for obtaining same. Owing to the fact that a clause in the General Appropriation Act, precluded the use of any part of the contingent fund for clerical help, nearly one third of the entire appropriation made for the ten years, still remains in the treasury of the state."

STATE FINANCES

Following are extracts from the report of the retiring state treasurer, showing the finances of the state to be in a good condition:

The balances in the treasury, on January 14, 1908, were to the credit of the general fund, $76,014.63; school fund, $21,480.72; sinking fund, $20,662.06; a total of $118,157.41.

The balances in the treasury on this date are to the credit of the general fund, $136,449.36; school fund, $5,181.18; sinking fund, $5,142.19; a total of $147,042.73.

"It will be obeserved" continues Mr. Rawlins, "that the balance in the treasury belonging to the general fund, is larger, by more than $60,000, than was the balance at the close of the fiscal year, one year ago. The balance then appearing, was larger than had appeared at the corresponding period for a number of years. It should be born in mind, however, that the balance, now standing to the credit of the general fund, includes the $62,437.88, which was the net sum received from the United States government, in settlement of the claim of the state, growing out of the expenditures made during the war of 1812, and which was placed to the general fund, pending such action as may be taken for the proper disposition of the amount.

"In this connection I would call your attention to the balances received by me from my predecessors, four years ago. There were, at that time, to the credit of the general fund, $32,595.08; sinking fund, $12,002.81; school fund, $22,511.25; a total of $67,039.14.

"It will be noted that the balance now to the credit of the general fund, exceeds the balance received by me four years ago, by more than $100,000. This balance would have been much larger had there not been a heavy falling off in the receipts from franchise taxes.

"An examination of this statement will show the receipts from franchise taxes for the year just closed, to be $60,731.61, or $49,087.83, less than the preceding year. The corporation fees received from the secretary of state, for the year just closed, were $42,103.50, less by $884.91, than the receipts from the same source for the preceding year. This statement of the receipts from these sources and especially the continued falling off of receipts from the corporation fees received by the secretary of state, would seem to indicate that the advocates of the law, passed by the last session of the Legislature, were mistaken in advocating a measure so greatly reducing the amounts to be received from corporations, nor should it be forgotten that under the provisions of this law, there will be a still greater reduction in the franchise tax rate, and the total of franchise taxes, during the coming year, will probably not exceed one-half of the receipts for the year just closed. It should not be forgotten, however, that we have been passing through a term of business depression, which may have in part contributed to the result referred to above."

Treasurer Rawlins records that $20,000 of state bonds of the loan of 1907, were bought by him, for the state, on the advice of Attorney-General Richards, after consulation with Governor Lea, at 103 and interest. These bonds are now held by the sinking fund. By this purchase, about $19,000 interest has been saved the state. On January 1, 1906, $35,000 of state bonds were redeemed with moneys already in the state treasury. It would thus appear that during Mr. Rawlins' term, $55,000 of state bonds were bought with moneys already in the treasury, in addition to meeting other obligations of the state.

Mr. Rawlins points out that he has been unable to collect $900 of a school fund debt from Sussex county, and that there is still $5,000 of the school fund belonging to the permanent fund, that is uninvested.

DELAWARE VOTES FOR TAFT

Henry P. Scott of New Castle county, Jacob E. Kirk of Kent county and Charles H. Sackett of Sussex county, the Delaware electors for President and Vice President of the United States, met in Dover Monday and cast Delaware's three votes for William Howard Taft for President and James Schoolcraft Sherman for Vice President.

Mr. Kirk was chosen and commissioned as the special messenger of the electors to carry the vote to Washington and there present it before the court of Canvass. The electors met at the home of Mr. Kirk, who was suffering from a sudden attack of rheumatism.

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Bathing a sprain in warm salt water will bring quick results.

Keep the children's feet warm and dry, even if their coats and dresses must be shabbier for the amount needed to keep them in good boots and rubbers. A dress or coat that is a little worn will not bring on pneumonia, but the worn-out shoes and paper-sole boots are likely to do so.

Bake the earth to be used in starting seeds in the house in order to destroy insects and weed seeds.

A borrowed umbrella would be more likely to be returned if the owner's name stared the borrower in the face each time he opened the umbrella. A circular piece of white cloth having on it the name and address can be sewed over the black piece with the maker's name on it, which is placed under the ribs at the top of the stick. A slit cut in one side of the circle, and a hole in its middle, enables it to be slipped smoothly into place under the ribs.

If you suffer with cold feet do not keep putting them to the fire; but when you get up in the morning dip them first into a basin of very hot water for about two minutes, then plunge the legs up to the knees into cold water, and keep them there till you can count ten. Then rub the feet thoroughly with a coarse towel till they tingle with blood, and while they are still warm rub into them some vaseline, and they will soon cease to be cold when you are out of doors.

Flatirons that have lost their temper and become rusted or roughened should be disposed of, and not left to take up valuable space on kitchen shelves. New irons cost little, and it is poor economy to use old ones that are past their usefulness.

Even iced tea, that favorite beverage of summer, is a drink of doubtful value on the dining table. Hot tea beats the stomach and prepares it for its work, while cold tea, like ice water, taken at meal time, retards digestion by chilling the stomach.

Sewing silk and spool cotton have such an unpleasant way of knotting, and just where a pieced thread is most inconvenient; to prevent it always thread your needle at the end of the cotton as you draw it from the spool, and make a knot at the end that is cut off. Large knot are unsightly, and the best sewers never make them. Start and finish wherever possible with a button-hole stitch, and never, upon any consideration when sewing on lace make knot; and when sewing on buttons put the knot (if you make one) under the button, on the right side of the garment, not on the wrong side as formerly; it makes a neater finish.

If you have a piece of fine delicate lace to clean, and it is beyond the help of dry magnesia, baste it securely along the edges to a piece of clean white lawn, then proceed with the washing, when dry, pull the little picots carefully into shape, and it is ready to be "over headed" to the material.

Gloves should be mended with cotton, some people use sewing silk, it is unwise, as silk cuts the kid, cotton does not. Always use a glover's needle.

When button holes are to be worked cut them the desired size and run a thread around first; it keeps them in shape and strengthens them; the same should be done with eyelet embroidery, except the thread is run around before the hole is punched. Do not forget it is very easy to make these holes too large, if you are inexperienced.

Reinforce the waist line of shirtwaists with tape, and tie the tape around the waist to help keep it in place.

For sticky things on furniture, of which sugar is the base—and this includes fruit juices—use warm water and soft chamois leather with a touch of linseed oil afterward to do away with the look of dryness.

SCIENCE NOTES

William Bennett, of Gravesend, N. Y., is said to be the only man in the United States who has a lifetime job. The city of New York is compelled to employ him at $10 a day as long as he lives and continues to perform his duties.

The oratorio of The Messiah" was given entirely by graphophone to an audience of over 1,000 persons in Weymouth, England, recently. It was considered a complete musical success.

Several sponge farms, all of which are paying concerns, are to be found in the Mediterranean. Until lately sponges have been collected from the sea-floor, but of late years they have been cultivated.

For the nine months ending September 30, the exports of the United States increased over those of a like period last year, $135,774,902.

One hundred and ten million cubic feet of gas were lost by leakage in London during the past year—and that by one company alone. It did not escape in a rush, and there was no explosion. It just filtered away, a little at a time. Every time a heavy van crossed the road under which a main lay a breath of coal gas forced its way through an infinitesimal crevice into space and freedom, until enough to fill 300 balloons such as that of Count Zeppelin's late airship had been lost.

Meteors prove that the air is still dense enough to make those little bodies incandescent through friction at at a height of 100 miles; but up to the present man has succeded in exploring the atmosphere to a height of only 16 miles. The greatest authentic height attend by a human being is 35,500 feet, Kites have flown to a height of 21,100 feet, and an unmanned balloon, carrying recording instrument, has reached 85,500 feet—a little more than 16 miles.

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"LITTLE PEACH" IN THE ORCHARDS

Disease Far More Noticeable Than Yellows

The "little peach" is a new disease which now affects or threatens the always susceptible, through precious, peach orchards of Delaware. The subject of this new disease has been discussed for some time in meetings of orchardists, but it is mentioned officially in the bi-ennial report of the State Board of Agriculture which was read in both Houses of the Legislature.

"Little peach" may prove as troublesome as yellows or San Jose scale in reducing the Delaware orchards or discouraging the younger element of peach growers, but the great Delaware industry promises to survive this newer disease as it has overcome the dreaded scale by systematic and now very general spraying.

"Peach yellow," says the State Board's report, "has continued its ravages to some extent, but where diseased trees have been promptly destroyed the losses have been no larger than they were during the previous year.

"Little peach," has been present to a much greater extent than before. Prof. C. A. McCue, horticulturist at the Delaware Experiment Station, is familiar with the effects of this disease in Michigan and has made a careful inspection of the peach orchards in Kent county. He says: 'In my inspection, the damage caused by little peach during the past season was even greater than that caused by yellows.

"It is especially true of the State from Harrington, northward; the Sussex county orchards I am not so sure of as I have seen but little of them this year. As a rough estimate of the Kent county orchards, I could say that from 20 to 40 per cent. of the peach trees showed signs of little peach.

"This disease I regard as infinitely more dangerous to the peach interests of the State than yellows. I also believe, although with no positive proof, that many Japanese plum trees are suffering from the same disease.' "

The disease which threatened to wipe out farm animals and be communicated to man as well—anthrax—is commented on as follows in the report:

"The very favorable results obtained this year. Of the 2,150 animals of all ages, including horses, cattle and sheep, that were vaccinated, only 7 head died, and several months after vaccination. The morality is thus seen to be less than one-third of one per centum. No animals died from vaccinations, nor were there even dangerous swellings. Surely you could not ask for better results than these. The Board advises early vaccinations, say about February 15 or March 1."

That ravaging disease among swine, hog cholera, is to be successfully fought it is proposed, this year by the State Board. The report says: "Hog cholera has occasioned considerable loss in all parts of the State. The United States Department of Agriculture has perfected a serum to be used as a preventive of this disease, and in October, Dr. Dawson, veterinarian of the Delaware Experiment Station, went to Ames, Iowa, to learn the details of preparing and using it. Arrangements are now under way for having this serum made by Dr. Dawson at the Delaware Station, so that it will be constantly available for use in this State. It is believed that by its use the fatal disease among hogs can be entirely controlled."

SUFFRAGE FOR WOMEN

The following petition to Congress is being circulated for signatures by the members of Woman Suffrage Associations throughout the country:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States over 21 years of age, hereby petition your honorable body to submit to the Legislatures of the several States, for ratification an amendment to the National Constitution which shall enable women to vote.

Name. Address.

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Those who favor woman suffrage are requested by the National American Woman Suffrage Association to sign the above petition, after which it is to be sent to Mrs. Martha S. Cranston, Newport, Del.

MR. EDITOR:—

The favor is asked that these petitions be inserted in your paper until the 15th of February, which is the birthday of Susan B. Anthony, to whom women owe a debt of gratitude of which they little think; not only for the effort of a life time, made by her for their political enfranchisement, but for the passage of juster laws, secured by her guarding the rights of married women in property, and the possession of their own children.

Opportunity for the higher education and for usefulness in many lines of work, business as well as professional, are now open to women, who all too unreflectingly avail themselves of these paths made for them by one who gave her whole life and strength, not that herself, but that those who came after her, whom she would never know by sight or name, might breathe the exhilarating air of perfect freedom and enjoy equality of opportunity to forward the cause so dear is to pay gratitude doubly but none too well.

FOR SALE.—140 egg Cyphers Incubator, as good as new; also 1 Brooder in good condition. $15 will buy both. This Incubator cost $18 new, the Brooder $14.

JOHN J. JOLLS,
Middletown, Del.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9th, 1909.

THE House of Representatives has gotten back at the President and in mild language heaped coals of fire on his head for the strictures innuendos and insulting language of his annual message to Congress and for what the House calls "the evasiveness and irresponsiveness of what they hoped would be an apology or at least an explanation. The fact is that the President in "purging himself of contempt" as the saying is, was if anything more contemptuous than in the original doce. There is talk apparently serious of impeachment proceedings and frequent reference to the impeachment of Andrew Johnson the only precedent in American history. But the two cases are utterly without parallelism. Roosevelt is still the most popular man in the United States and probably more popular to-day on account of this very incident than he was eight months ago when it took an iterated and reiterated announcement every morning before breakfast to prevent the country from nominating him before for a third term. The President has not used the Secret Service malprepense for the ingoings and outcomings of Senators and Members of Congress; but, as is well known, he has been after undesirable citizens whether they were railroad presidents, trust magnates or labor union boycotters and assassins. It was through the activity of one of departments under him that the land frauds of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, were discovered and that Mitchell was tried and condemned. The detective bureau received no instructions to shadow Tillman, of South Carolina, and he was not shadowed by Government detectives of the detective bureau but certain information regarding his alleged speculation in Oregon land grants were brought to the attention of the President through Government postoffice inspectors and at the requests of Senator Hale, of Maine. The information regarding Senator Tillman was sent direct to him. The President and Senator Tillman have not for a long time been on speaking terms and the senator has improved every opportunity both in and out of the Senate to denounce and characterize Mr. Roosevelt in language that was nearer Billingsgate than parliamentary.

The antipathy, or I might say, enemity between the men has become historic. It began two or three years ago when after a fist fight on the Senate floor with Senator McLaurin, the President failed to invite Senator Tillman to a White House reception to which all of the other Senators and members were invited. Senator Tillman is a man of uncultivated ability, and he is well posted in national affairs, and especially in the affairs of the Senate committees to which he is assigned. He is, however, rough, uncouth, and not precisely a representative of that legendary flower of chivalry, a Southern gentleman. The present administration, as it is well known, has been after rascals, undesirable citizens, and whether they were railroad presidents, senators or jail birds, it has been the effort to hunt them down. The fate of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, in the land fraud cases is fresh in the memory of every reader. There was no reason why the Administration should make an effort to investigate the alleged relations of Tillman or any other Senator. Of course, he has denied any connection with the Oregon land fraude. Senator Mitchell, also, denied on the floor of the Senate with tears and with vociferous assertions of innocence. Senator Mitchell was condemned.

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Barely fifty more days of President Roosevelt's term remains, and there is every appearance that the remaining days will be as strenuous as the President could desire, and it may be doubted if he will find among the wild beasts of Africa game entertainment than the House and Senate are disposed to give him before the fourth of March. To the student of current history are spread before the world in the daily press the situation is entertaining and edifying. Only a few months ago it was necessary for the President to iterate and re-iterate his declaration made on the evening of his election that he would not under any consideration, have a third term. The people were determined to nominate him and it was with considerable reluctance that they named the man of his choice, but having named him, elected him with a great majority, mainly, or in great part at least, because he represented Roosevelt and the Roosevelt policies. Now, the newspaper head lines have the startling word "impeachment," and this procedure is actually discussed in Congress. Is Theodore Roosevelt less popular now than he was before the presidential nominating convention assembled at Chicago? Certainly not. It is probable that he is more firmly entrenched in the confidences and admiration of the people than he was then, and among other reasons because he has expressed his mind to Congress and told the naked truth.

WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED?

With the second pastor dead and buried during the present conference year, there is much apprehension concerning the third to be assigned, soon, to Camden M. E. charge, a selection which will fall to the lot of the district superintendent of Dover district. Both ministers who have been, this year, assigned to this church, have died suddenly, and within a few weeks of each other. It is a delightful appointment in the very center of the famous Delaware peach belt, and yet there are three live churches, with their large followings, and it is now believed that the work is too much for any but a young and hardy man. And yet, both Rev. Edward Henry Nelson and Rev. Horace W. Bolton looked well and hearty at the beginning of the conference year, it is claimed by their friends, but both have been called to worship where "congregations ne'er break up; and Sabbaths have no end."

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MR. TAFT'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

"If I am elected," Mr. Taft has said, "I propose to devote all the ability that is in me to the constructive work of suggesting to Congress the means by which the Roosevelt policies shall be clinched." And in that work he adds, "My conscience shall be my final political counselor."

I will conserve the interests of invested capital for the welfare of the country and of the working man.

Men who, to get rich, violate the law, moral or statutory, must be restrained. The statutory law should be amended where necessary so as to comprise the moral law.

I shall not interfere with legal combinations of capital that are beneficial and properly controlled; but I shall interfere with those made merely to control markets, fix prices, restrict output, kill competition.

I am against limiting the proportion of their output corporations may own; and fixing prices by government.

I shall take no steps to destroy great organizations that have a large wage fund when prosperous, and that adds greatly to the prosperity of the country; but I shall do my utmost to keep them within the law.

I am interested in legislation against the railroads, that it shall be just and only properly restrictive. The whole country depends upon the prosperity of the railroads.

The principle of competition between naturally competing lines must not be violated. And I should approve an amendment to the law permitting useful traffic agreements when approved by the interstate commerce commission.

It will be one of my most pleasant duties to construct legislation that shall give labor a square deal and not more than a square deal.

I shall uphold the right of labor to organize for the purpose of making itself properly a power in the community, to maintain its level in the struggle of life, and for dealing with capital.

I shall oppose labor when, exercising its right to strike, it injures the property of its employer and when it attempts by "secondary boycott" to compel a third and unwilling person to join the controversy.

Non-union labor shall be secured absolutely the same rights as union labor.

I shall endeavor to bring capital and labor into closer relations of confidence and interdependence, and shall seek peace between capital and labor by their mutual recognition of their respective unions and acceptance of the principle of meditation and arbitration.—From the January Circle Magazine.

CLIMBING UP THE LADDER

The school of practical experience and hard knocks has scored again. A former section laborer has become president of the New York Central Railroad Company and another section laborer has been made an assistant supervisor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. For some time the Pennsylvania Company has given preference to the graduates of the technical schools, and will probably continue to do so, but the company does not intend to bar the experienced and careful man from promotion simply because he has not had the advantage of a technical school education.

A recent announcement by the company shows the standard employed in judging men:

Realizing that many employes who have not had the advantage of a college education apply themselves so diligently to their work that they acquire a proficiency which should be recognized, the management has been carefully observing the work of all grades of men in the service, with a view to promoting those who showed exceptional ability, no matter what their start with the company had been.

This means that the company intends to reward merit. Technical education is undoubtedly of great service, but after all the merits of the man must be considered and there are no fixed limits as to how an education may be obtained.

All the educated men, whatever their vocations may be, did not obtain their education or fitness from the schools. Practical experience is a splendid education. Practical experience with school work is the best sort of education. But in the end it rests chiefly with the man himself.—*Evening Journal.*

NEW BALLOT LAW

An "improved ballot law," in our estimation would be a return to the simple ballot and the simple provisions which enabled the voter to prepare his ballot to suit himself in the privacy of his own house. This is an inherent right, that should never have been yielded by any American citizen. All the "safeguard" contrivances yet invented, have proven miserable failures, and our own system stands out with glaring prominence in this class. But one point cannot be too earnestly urged, and that is, that while the present system remains in vogue the presence of intelligent voters assistants in the booths is imperatively demanded. The state of Delaware has no right to foist upon its people such a complex problem as this ballot system of ours is, without furnishing interpreters for it, so that even the humblest citizen may not be deprived of the right of voting just as he desires to.

NEW STATE CAPITOL

In the event of the state providing for a new capitol at Dover it will be well to take into consideration the suggestion of the state patriotic societies. The proposition put forth by these societies is that the original design of the old building should be maintained and the walls now standing—and a part of the structure when first erected—should be preserved as much as possible.

Delaware does not need, and cannot afford, an elaborate state house or capitol, but it does need more room, and particularly more commodious and safer quarters for the preservation of the books and records of the state library. There is no style of architecture more gratifying to the sight than what is known as the "Colonial."

With some of the original walls of the state house yet standing the idea of preserving the old material so far as possible ought to meet with favor. The front of the capitol was painted years ago, but the paint can be removed. Further, them odernizing of the repaired capitol years ago, by topping it with an ungraceful and unartistic "mansard" roof, did not improve the appearance of the building. It would be possible to not only utilize the old walls and the old material and graceful lines.

There is a bill before the General Assembly—or at least notice of it has been given—providing for a loan of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to run forty years and pay four per centum interest. In connection with this bill it might be well to ask that whatever is done in the direction of providing a new building should include the idea of "restoring" the capitol to as near its original form as possible.

This is more than a sentimental matter. The "Colonial" style of architecture is in keeping with the history of the state, the first colony to ratify the Federal Constitution, and the home of many men who played great parts in the first days of the republic.

TUBERCULOSIS IN ANIMALS

The international congress of tuberculosis which recently met in Washington, as a whole dealt especially with human tuberculosis, but considerable attention was directed to tuberculosis in domestic animals and notably to questions dealing with milk and meat supply and with the inspection of the products. One of the seven districts into which the congress was divided devoted itself especially to these topics, and the general addresses before the congress, as a whole, included a lecture by Professor Barnard Bang of Copenhagen on "Studies in Tuberculosis in Domestic Animals and What We May Learn Regarding Human Tuberculosis." An extended discussion followed the reaffirmation by Professor Dr. Robert Koch, of Berlin, of his theory as to the non-identity and nontransmissibility of human and bovine tuberculosis, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending "that preventive measures be continued against bovine tuberculosis and that the possibility of the propagation of this to man be recognized."

The very extensive exhibits from the various countries in America and Europe attracted much attention and presented a vast amount of illustrative material of rare educational value. Phases dealing especially with the prevention and treatment of the disease in its early stages predominated, there being a great variety of models of sanitoria and special appliances.

THE LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Brief Summary of the Doings of the General Assembly During Past Week.

After a recess from Thursday the Legislature reconvened Monday morning and got down to business and continued active until yesterday morning, when they went to Newark to inspect the Delaware College Farm, and to Wilmington to attend a session of the Peninsula Horticultural Society. They will resume work at Dover next Monday.

The House elected John B. Hutton, of Dover, to be its attorney. The Senate elected Philip L. Garrett, of Wilmington.

Misses Estelle Rash and Margaret Horn have been appointed stenographers for the legislature.

Governor Lea Monday sent to the Senate a list of all of his appointments since 1907 which were confirmed at once.

Speaker Cooper of the House appointed B. B. Allen, Wilmington, to be his clerk during the session.

Presidential Electors Meet.

Henry T. Scott, George H. Sackett and Jacob E. Kirk, the presidential electors, met Monday at the home of Mr. Kirk, who is confined to his bed, canvassed the vote for Taft, and selected Mr. Kirk to represent the electors in the electoral College.

The canvass showed the highest majority for the Taft presidential electors to be 2,959; the majority for Simeon S. Pennewill for governor to be 2,111, the majority for John H. Mendinhall for lieutenant governor to be 2,486, and the majority for William H. Heald for members of Congress to be 1,719. These figures are identical with the official returns ascertained by the Judges in the Superior Court in the three counties.

Important House Bill.

Among the important measures given notice of in the House was one by Representative Bradford, of Wilmington, providing for a live stock commission. The measure will provide for a state veterinarian with an annual salary of $1,000, and it gives the State Board of Agriculture authority to establish and enforce quarantine. It fixes the allowance for any animal killed in the enforcement of quarantine regulations at $35.

Appropriation Bills

Representative Janvier, of New Castle, gave notice of three bills providing for appropriations for the Board of Trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane. One of these fixes the biennial appropriations at $135,000; another provides an appropriation of $3,667.64 to make up a deficit in last year's appropriation, while a third provides an appropriation of $4,050 to build a laundry for the institution.

Representative Connelly gave notice of a bill repealing the voters' assistant law and also one creating a state revenue and taxation commission, which is virtually to continue the work of the present commission during the next two years.

Messrs. Hopkins and Hazel were appointed a committee to provide the House with a daily calendar. They will attend to the work at the close of each day for the following day, and will have a printed copy for each member. The clerk of the Senate will attend to this detail in the later body.

The report of the Rehoboth commission appointed two years ago, was read in the Senate, but no action was taken. The report set forth that some of the land is held by persons who, in its opinion, cannot show clear title. The land is along the line of the Junction and Breakwater Railroad, which appears to have a clear title.

Each House has authorized the committee on enrolled bills to appoint two additional clerks to compare the bills.

A bill to abolish the Delaware Game Protective Association and to provide a game commissioner instead, with a salary of about $1,200 a year, payable out of license receipts, is proposed by Representative Bradford, of Wilmington.

Preparations have been completed for the inauguration of Governor Simeon S. Pennewill, Tuesday next, January 19th. The Organized Militia of Delaware and the Delaware College Cadets will be in attendance. The oath of office will be administered to the governor-elect by his brother, Judge James Pennewill. Ferris Giles, Wilmington, has been awarded the contract to decorate the public buildings.

The committee wishes it understood that the inaugural ceremonies and the inaugural ball at the Hotel Richardson that night will be free to the public and that no invitations will be issued. The reception to be given by Governor and Mrs. Preston Lea to the governor-elect on Monday evening will be a private affair, however, and only those having cards of of invitation will be admitted.

BOOMING STATE TROLLEY LINE

DOVER, DEL., Jan. 14—Lowder T. Layton, of Philadelphia, of the brokerage firm of T. E. Allison and Company, was here yesterday conferring with members of the Legislature regarding the project for a down-state trolley line, which that firm is interested as promoting. Mr. Layton stated that if satisfactory concessions are made to the promoters and rights of way can be secured through Kent and Sussex county towns the trolley line will be constructed.

It is one of the intentions of the promoters, if the project goes through, to buy up the electric light and power plants in the different towns.

Under the constitution of the State a three-fourths vote of the members of each branch would be necessary to appropriate or lend money of the State to a trolley project, but it would not require such a vote to authorize the State Treasurer to buy bonds or stock in such a company as an investment of State funds.

GOVERNOR-ELECT NAMES STAFF

Governor-elect Pennewill on Monday announced the personnel of his military staff. Several members of Governor Lea's staff are retained. The new staff follows: Adjutant General, I. Pusey Wickersham, Wilmington; Brigadier General, T. Coleman duPont, Wilmington; Inspector General, Alden R. Benson, Dover; Judge Advocate, J. Ernest Smith, Wilmington; Inspector of Rifle Practice, Edmund Mitchell, Jr., Wilmington; Surgeon General, Dr. William R. Messick, Lewes; Aids, New Castle County, Colonel George W. Sparks, Wilmington; Colonel George A. Elliott, Wilmington; Kent County, Colonel Ivan B. Conner, Felton; Colonel W. D. Denney, Dover; Sussex County, Colonel Thomas Curry, Bridgeville; Colonel John G. Townsend, Jr., Selbyville.

[Communicated]

MISSING VOLUMES

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—We are sure everybody in Middletown is gratified at the great success that is crowning the labors of those ladies seeking to give the town the much-needed blessing of a public Library, and we are equally sure that everyone will be glad to help so laudable a public work. Here is how this can be done. A *small part* of the old Irving Lyceum Library has recently been turned over to these ladies for the library. *Many more* books of that collection are still missing, being scattered in the various homes in Middletown and vicinity—overlooked and unclaimed hitherto, the persons having them unaware, doubtless, that they are "strays."

The "Irving Lyceum" label on the inside front of the books will show their origin. Now let everybody in Middletown and vicinity go through his or her library to see if any of these old Irving Lyceum books are among theirs. Even if it be an odd volume, it will be welcomed since a number of valuable sets are lacking a volume or two; e. g. Alison's History of Europe wants one volume; volume one of a fine set of Carlyle's French Revolution, and a volume of Macaulay's History of England, are gone, etc. The late Mr. Cecil Green presented the Library with a handsome edition of Hugo's works (Collier's), but the first volume is lacking, having been loaned by him to "somebody." To restore this damaged set will not this "somebody" kindly hunt up and return this forgotten "stray?" Now if all the people friendly to this public spirited enterprise of these ladies will "talk up" this matter—in talk and hunt too—it will result in making some valuable additions to the books of the Middletown Public Library, which will be highly appreciated by its founders—the ladies of Middletown.

WELL WISHER.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

J. H. Steele was in Philadelphia recently.

Revival services are being held in the M. E. Church.

Harry Sherman spent Thursday at Delaware City.

Miss Lucy Reed is enjoying a visit in Harrington, Del.

Frank Clayton was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Miss Addie Williams is visiting relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harry Metz, of Wilmington, has been spending several days in town.

Miss Fannie Brooks was the guest of Port Deposit friends last week.

Mrs. James Woolleyhan spent Wednesday with Mrs. Z. T. Cooling.

Miss Olive Fillingame, of Cecilton, is the guest of Mrs. William Borger.

Rev. Mr. Schnebly, of Princeton, preached in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Grose spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ida Bouchelle.

The Reading Circle for the Second district met at the High School Friday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Barwick was entertained by Miss Ethel Ellison several days last week.

Miss Mary Bouchelle is spending several days with Mrs. I. G. Ellison, near Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ellison and daughter Elizabeth, of Kirkwood, spent Sunday in town.

The Sunshine Society will meet at the home of Mrs. William Boreu on Wednesday evening.

A party was given by the young folks on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCoy, near Cayot.

Miss Mary A. Porter was tendered a "postal card shower" on Thursday in honor of her eighty-fourth birthday. She received one hundred and one cards.

RAILROAD SHOWS A DECREASE

DOVER, January 14th.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Delaware railroad to-day the following directors were elected:

Henry Tatnall who succeeds Henry F. Kenny, John P. Green, Samuel Rea, Samuel Bancroft, Jr., William H. Swift, William H. Lobdell, Walter O H flecker, Manlove Hayes, William T. Watson, James J. Ross, Thomas Curry, Hezekiah Harrington, William T. Records, Murray Vandever and Charles T. Wescott. The directors organized by electing John P. Green president to succeed Henry F. Kenney, William W. Lobdell vice president to succeed Mr. Green, and Manlove Hayes secretary-treasurer. Mr. Hayes is 92 years old.

The gross earnings showed a decrease of $189,925.41. The gross earnings for the year were $623,492.52. The decrease was said to have been because of the general hard times during the year. Because of the conditions the company was prevented from completing the double tracking of the road.

Prior to the meeting it was rumored that a pool of the shareholders, segregating 7,000 shares, had been formed to make an appeal to the meeting to increase the dividends to 6 per cent, semi-annually. It is said that Charles Fearon of Philadelphia, who lately acquired 3,000 shares and who was present at the meeting, was at the head of the movement to bring about the increased payment.

The Pennsylvania authorities, however, turned out in force. Of the 120,000 shares of the company, 66,000 are owned by the Pennsylvania. When the meeting was called to order 7,474 shares were voted for directors. During the recess following the voting, Mr. Fearon conferred with the Pennsylvania people. No movement toward making an increased dividend was taken. It is understood, however, that the advocates of the increase will make an appeal to the board of directors.

FOR BETTER GAME LAWS

Governor Crothers on Monday named a commission to revise the game and fish laws of Maryland along progressive lines and secure uniformity throughout the State.

The commission is composed of representatives from every county in the State, with a number of well known sportsmen from Baltimore, who are factors in the Maryland Game and Fish Protective Association. The State Game Warden, H. W. Harmonson, is also made a member. The chairman is Louis M. Milbourne, of Somerset County, and the representatives from Cecil County are Edward C. Wilson, of Elk Neck, and George W. Barnes, of Charleston.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House, on Market Street between Tenth and Eleventh Streets, in the City of Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware,

ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2d, 1909,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain lot of land with a three story brick dwelling thereon erected, situated in the City of Wilmington, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southerly side of Ninth Street between Orange and Tatnall Streets at the distance of thirty-five feet four inches Southeasterly from Tatnall Street; thence Southerly by land now or formerly of Park Mason and Ann, his wife and parallel with Tatnall Street sixty-four feet three inches to a corner in John Gordon's line; thence with his line Southeasterly and parallel with Ninth Street seventeen feet eight inches to another corner; thence Northeasterly and parallel with the first mentioned line by land formerly of Washington Mason, now of James F. Casperson, sixty-four feet three inches to the aforesaid Southerly side of Ninth Street and thence thereby Westerly seventeen feet eight inches to the place of beginning. Be the contents thereof what they may, with the right and privilege of and subject to a three feet wide alley extending thirty feet back from Ninth Street along the Westerly line of this lot and extending one half of said width on this lot and the other half on the adjoining lot for the use of the owners and occupants of land binding on said alley their heirs and assigns in common forever.

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WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

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Local News

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The subject for the Christian Endeavor meeting to-morrow evening will be: "Pilgrim's Progress Series—Leaving the City of Destruction." Miss Bernice D. Metten, leader.

Dr. M. B. Burstan Optician has left for New York City, where he is taking a special course and attending clinics and will return some time in February, when he will resume his practice.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 7th: Mrs. H. H. Brown, Miss Orra Downes, Mrs. James A. Price, H. Sherman.

The Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters, of Dover, will have "Tag Day" on Inauguration day, proceeds to go to The Palmer Home for Old Folks. Look out for the taggers!

Extra meetings at the M. E. Church are still in progress every evening and interest and attendance on the increase. The pastor is being ably assisted by evangelist J. F. Clark.

The management of the Chesepeake and Delaware Canal has announced that the annual closing of that waterway for repairs will not be made this year until Monday, February 8, unless transportation is closed earlier than that by freezing weather.

E. H. Beck, Real Estate Broker, has sold the farm belonging to Miss Grace Cann located near Kirkwood, containing 156 acres, to Nathaniel J. Williams. Also sold a double house on Lake street belonging to Hamilton F. Price to Alonzo Waters, for $550.

The Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company of Odessa, has elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Daniel W. Corbit, James T. Shallcross, M. N. Willits, Zadoc A. Pool, Colen Ferguson, F. B. Watkins, Alex. P. Corbit. The directors elected Daniel W. Corbit, President, and Joseph G. Brown, Secretary.

At the annual election of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, on Wednesday, January 6th, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Daniel W. Corbit, James T. Shallcross, M. N. Willits, Colen Ferguson, Alex. P. Corbit, Daniel Corbit, F. B. Watkins, L. V. Aspril.

Mrs. Frank Penington delightfully entertained the matinee euchre Wednesday afternoon. The club prizes were won as follows: First, Mrs. J. Allen Johnson; second, Mrs. C. J. Freeman; consolation, Mrs. Wills Lusby; guest's prize, Mrs. Hindley. Chicken salad, buscuits, olives, pickles, ice cream, crackers and coffee were served.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's National Bank held on Saturday last the following Board of Directors was elected for the ensuing year: Geo. M. D. Hart, Z. A. Pool, Geo. L. Townsend, Thomas C. Cruikshank, J. Frank Eliason, Jefferson B. Foard, Chas. H. Salmon, Richard T. Cann, Fred Brady and John F. Ernest.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Citizens National Bank on Tuesday last, the following Board of Directors was elected for the ensing year: Joseph Biggs, Jacob B. Baxter, Lewell C. Biggs, Chas. S. Ellison, Geo. V. Peverley, Jesse L. Shepherd, Nathaniel J. Williams, Anthony H. Johnson, Henry L. Davis, Charles M. Cochran and John S. Crouch.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wilmington, Delaware, has arranged for its annual lecture to be given in the Grand Opera House, Wilmington, next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Francis M. Finno, M. D. C. S. D. is the lecturer. It is stated that the lecture is for the proper presentation of Christian Science and that it is free to the public.

Letters of administration upon the estate of Mrs. Ella P. Cochran have been granted Howard A. Pool.

Next Tuesday will be a "Day with Italian Artists," at the New Century Club, with the following program: "Leonardo de Vinci," Miss Marion Cochran; "Raphael" Miss Eliza C. Green; Music, Miss Blanche Ellison; "Miches: Angelo," Mrs. Fannie R. Derrickson; "Titian," Miss Clara Paxson.

Moving pictures with illustrated songs will be the attraction at the Skating Rink in the Opera House Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, January 20th and 21st. An admission of 10 cents will be charged. The management has decided to reduce the admission for ladies who desire to skate to 15 cents.

Miss Jessie Rae Taylor of Salisbury, Md., reader and impersonator, will be the attraction at the Odessa Hall Friday evening, January 22d. This will be the second of the entertainment courses given under the auspices of the Methodist Brotherhood of St. Pauls M. E. Church of Odessa, and as Miss Taylor has pleased the people in this locality on former occasions, we predict a large audience will greet her on the 22d.

Washington Camp, No. 11, P. O. S. of A., of Odessa, will install the following officers on Wednesday evening, January 20th: Past President, Henry M. Bingnear; President, J. Fenimore Douglas; Vice President, Robert Douglas; Master of Forms, Pierce Berry; Recording Secretary, George E. Rhodes; Treasurer, Joseph R. Heldmyer; Conductor, John E. Bingnear; Inspector, Leslie Morgan; Guard, George E. Ward; Trustee, Joseph Heller.

The following officers of Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M., were installed by D. S. C., W. C. Money of Townsend, Monday night: Jr. Past Council, H. E. Gears; Councilor, Colonal Crouch; Vice Councilor, Elwood I. Banning; Rec. Secretary, J. E. Denny; Asst. Rec. Secretary, Harry Manlove; Financial Secretary, D. W. Stevens; Conductor, Edward Biggs; Warden, W. H. Echenhofer; I. S., Roland Owens; O. S., W. T. Pearce, Jr.; Chaplin, W. T. Pearce, Sr.; Trustee, M. Banning; Rep. State Council, D. W. Stevens; Rep. D. B. A., J. E. Denny. After the business had been transacted, refreshments were served.

While driving home on Saturday evening about 6.30 o'clock, James D. Vinyard drove over a bank near St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, upsetting his double-seated carriage and causing all four occupants to be badly bruised. Miss Lizzie Caldwell had her ankle sprained; Mark Vinyard had his foot mashed, and Mrs. J. D. Vinyard had her forehead badly cut and her face bruised. Dr. R. M. Black was summoned to dress the wounds, putting four stitches in Mrs. Vinyard's forehead. Mr. Vinyard was the most fortunate of the party, escaping with a few bruises.

The regular meeting of the "Amelia Street" branch of the Sunshine Society was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Brady. The president, Miss Marie T. Lockwood, was in the chair, and there were fourteen members present. It was reported that a warm, comfortable wrapper had been given to a sick lady by the Society. Donations of infants slips were asked for, and an overcoat was promised for a boy. The Sunshine Bulletin has been subscribed for, and the copies can be found on the table of the Public Library. Any one interested in "Sunshine" will be welcome to the use of the Bulletin. The next meeting will probably be held at the home of Mrs. M. B. Burris.

SHOOTING AT TOWNSEND

Townsend was aroused Tuesday evening at a little past 6 o'clock when in a family row, Mrs. James Sammons shot her husband and his nephew's wife, both with the same shot, but injuring neither seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammons a Moor family, quarrelled and he left her room on second floor and held her in the room by leaning against the door. She secured a revolver and fired through the door, the ball passing through the panel and through his cheek. His nephew's wife, who has been visiting in the house, was standing across the hallway in another room watching him when the ball, after passing through his cheek, struck her in the forearm, fractruring the bone.

As soon as Mr. Sammons was shot he dropped to the floor, thinking he was seriously injured, and lay there until his wife opened the door and found him in a puddle of blood. The woman who was shot fainted, but was revived before the arrival of a physician. All efforts to locate the bullet, last evening were futile and the work of removing it will be taken up a little later. Mr. Sammons bled freely, but it is thought his injuries are not serious. Both of the injured people will recover. There had been no arrests in the case this morning and the officials in Wilmington had not been informed of the affair.—*Every Evening.*

CROSSLAND-WALKER NUPTIALS

Standing beneath an arch from which hung a floral bell, Miss Bessie Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman E. Walker of St. Georges, was united in marriage to Mr. Isaac Holston Crossland on Thursday evening of last week, at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding was unique for a home affair, the bride's friends having contrived to make it exceedingly pretty and they succeeded. Stretching from the sitting room to the floral alter was an aisle bordered with ribbon, through which the bridal party marched, the altar being composed of flowers and ferns. Promptly at seven o'clock the bride and groom, attended by Miss Elva Walker, cousin of the bride, of Smyrna, and Mr. William Denney as groomsman, the ushers, Howard and Bailey Walker, brothers of the bride; the flower girls, Anna Walker and Edna Swan, proceeded up the aisle to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, beautifully rendered by Miss Edith Crossland, niece of the groom, where they were met at the altar by the Rev. Jones of St. Georges M. E. Church, who performed the ceremony. The bride and bridesmaids were attired in Empire gowns of Paris muslin. The bride carried bride roses and the bridesmaids pink carnations. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to nearly two hundred guests. Many beautiful and costly presents were received by the happy couple.

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PERSONALITIES.

Miss Mollie Wilson is visiting her sister at Smyrna.

Miss Dora Price has been visiting in Philadelphia.

Little Miss Grace Brady celebrated her eighth birthday last Friday.

Mrs. E. W. Polk, Jr., of Pocomoke City, Md., is visiting Mrs. W. B. Biggs.

Miss Lily Hodge, of Elwyn, Pa., has been the guest of friends in and near town.

Mrs. J. B. Messick spent Tuesday with her son, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Messick, in Smyrna.

Miss Margaret McCoy, of near Odessa, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Abram Hayden.

Mrs. Charles W. Kern, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Brockson.

Miss Eliza P. Cochran, of Elwyn, Pa., spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beals, of Port Penn, spent Sunday with Mrs. Rose Weber and family.

Mr. Isaac M. Green entertained his brother, Thomas J. Green, of Newark, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorndyke Roe, of Greenwood, were guests of her parents here several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox were in Philadelphia last week, where they attended the funeral of their cousin, Dr. VanTindal.

Little Miss Myrtle Spicer, of near Odessa, spent several days this week with her aunt, Mrs. J. Crossland, on South Broad street.

Mr. Isaac Green and two children, Julian and Dorothy, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Green, near town.

ELECTED NEW TEACHER

Miss Prudence A. Lewis Will Teach New Department

At a special meeting of the School Board Thursday evening, Miss Prudence A. Lewie was elected as an assistant teacher, and will enter upon her new duties on Monday next. As stated in THE TRANSCRIPT in a recent issue the members of the School Board have realized for several months, that Misses Hall and Jones in departments Nos. 4 and 5 had more than 50 scholars each, which was decidedly more pupils than they could properly instruct. Miss Lewis is well qualified for the position, being a graduate of the High School here and also of the New York Froble Normal School.

The Board has so re-arranged the course of studies, as to make a three year course, as under the new arrangement each of the teachers in Departments Nos. 4, 5 and 6 will now have one grade and one year's course only. This will enable the instructors more time to devote to each scholar in these grades, and enable the pupil to graduate in ten years, thus saving him one year's study.

DANGER IS PAST

Every animal which was affected by the hoof and mouth disease in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and Michigan has been killed, and when the farm-to-farm inspection now in progress is completed, the rigid quarantine rules which have obtained for sometime will be relaxed.

This course was decided upon at a conference held in Washington Thursday, between Dr. Melvin, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and representatives of the states named. So far as Delaware is concerned, there will be no relaxation of the quarantine until there is an absolute surety that there will be no infection. Communications from several of the officials concerned were received Thursday, and were referred by Governor Lea to the State Board of Agriculture, and will probably be discussed at the coming meeting of that body next week. While there may be a slight release of the enforcement of the quarantine rules, as a result of these communications, there will be no absolute withdrawal as long as there remains a chance of danger.

THE COUNTRY PAPER

It's not the biggest paper
That I pounce upon at first;
Nor the one that has most in it
That I want to see the worst,
But the little country paper
From the place I used to live
Is the most delightful reading
That a fellow can conceive.

You read the locals over
With an eagerness and zest;
It's like shaking hands with people
That you like the heartiest;
And though there's little in them
Still each name is like a face,
And the past beams down upon you
As the sprawling lines you trace.

You see the home of childhood,
And the little country store,
And the face of your old sweetheart
In the vine-embowered door;
And the old school and your playmates
Mingle with the locals read,
Notwithstanding some are married,
Notwithstanding some are dead.

There's the forest long departed
And the little swimming hole,
And the past crowds in upon you,
Filling mind and eyes and soul;
And the little country paper
From the crude and distant press,
With its freight of homely items,
Softens life like a caress.

GLASGOW HAS FAST HORSES

Glasgow is coming to the front with fast horses. Every day one can see a fast stepper jogging over the roads there.

H. M. Price has Uric, 2.11¼, by Pan Micheal, looking fine and expects to send him over the half-mile rings this summer.

J. Irvin Dayett can be seen daily with Mary M., 2.23¼, last year Newark champion and predicts that the daughter of Alrantara will take a mark better than 2.20 this year.

Harry W. Davis has a promising sidewheeler in Violet A., by Gordon H., 2.18¼. He is using her on the road.

Edward Lester has a fine three-year old filly by Admiral Dewey, 2.04¼, and a yearling by Pan Micheal, 2.03.

'Squire Butterworth has a promising black trotter which has showed his ability to do a mile in 2.30 with very little training.

J. C. Barr has a fast gray pacer by Witramby, 2.06¼. It takes a good one to head her down the road.

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OBITUARY

MRS. JOANNA LATTOMUS

Mrs. Joanna Seamour Lattomus died at the home of Mr. D. B. Maloney, in Townsend, January 7th, 1909, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. She was born near Christiana, June 11th, 1830, her parents being John and Lydia Lynam. She was married March 15th, 1849, to Mr. Levi Wesley Lattomus, at Odessa by the Rev. Price Sumption, her husband was in business in Townsend for many years, and there the greater part of her married life was spent. She was the mother of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters. Five of her sons survive her. She had been a widow for twenty-six years. Mrs. Lattomus was a woman of unusual personality, while she was very kind to her children, and servants, and friends, when aroused by some act of disobedience, or spirit of neglect and trifling, she could speak in a way to command immediate and respectful attention and obedience. Young men who were employed in her husband's store, as well as some others, who, for a time boarded in her home, found in her a woman with the heart of a true mother. She made as little difference as possible between them and her own boys. They were all her boys. Some of them bear testimony to-day to the help they received from her sympathy and counsel. Her religious experience was of the positive kind. She knew her Lord. Converted in early life at Union Church, near Townsend, she continued to grow in grace through her long life, witnessing gladly to the power of Jesus to save. At the last she was more than conqueror. To her death was stingless, and the grave without a terror. Indeed she seemed not to see or to think. Rather she saw the gates of pearl and the glory of the Lamb. The beckoning of loved ones who had passed on before was stronger than the few earth ties that were left. Her last days were spent in the home of Mr. D. B. Maloney, her son-in-law. Here every attention was given her that could smooth her way down to the river-crossing. Since the death of her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Maloney, in September, 1907, she had waited eagerly for her summons to come home. It came, and she was ready. The immportal spirit stepped out of the lifeless body, and was caught up to be with God. Tenderly the aged form of clay was laid away in Townsend Cemetery on Saturday morning, January 9th, to await the morning of the resurrection.

DIED FROM POISONED WINE

Charles L. Pippin, a prominent young business man of Marydel, Md., died Sunday, January 10th, from poison taken in a glass of wine during an amateur theatrical performance. Pippin, who was engaged to be married to Miss Maude Homer, teacher in the local school, took part in a play on January 1st for the organ fund of the Methodist Church. In one scene wine had to be drunk and Howard Griffith, another performer, tasted it, found it unpleasantly hot and merely touched his lips to the glass thereafter. Mr. Pippin, on the contrary, took a fairly large draught, and immediately remarked: "Oh! that burns bad. Give me some water quick!" Dr. H. Evans, a local physician who was also performing, at once obtained some water but it did not relieve the young man's agony and it was only by manifest pluck and determination that he struggled through the play to the end. When he reached home he was found to be seriously ill, and from that time he grew steadily worse.

ODESSA

I. G. Webb spent two days this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Delaware Davis was a Wilmington visitor on Monday.

Miss Martha Evans spent Monday with friends in Smyrna.

Mrs. Kate Givens is spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Margaret McCoy, of near town, is visiting her sister in Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson visited relatives in Philadelphia on Monday.

Mr. James K. Orrell, of Norristown, Pa., spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Theodore Croft, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. I. F. Croft.

Miss Jennie Howell, of Portors spent Tuesday at the home of Miss Lucy Appleton.

Mrs. Calvin P. Stidham is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. VanHekle, in Delaware City.

Miss Lucy Appleton has returned home, after visiting friends in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Florence Atherly, of Claymont, spent Sunday at the home of T. Atherly and wife.

Mr. Frank Long and bride, of Wilmington, visited his parents, Theodore Long and wife, several days of last week.

Mr. Leslie Morgan and sister, Miss C. Anna, were guests of their sister, Mrs. C. Clothier, in Wilmington, on Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Andrews and daughter, Miss Emma, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of her parents, John Morris and wife.

Miss Mary E. Bingnear, of near Middletown, entertained on Sunday last Mr. Charles Carpenter, of Philadelphia, and Miss Amelia Muhlberger, of this town.

CECILTON

Miss Ettie Price, of Middletown, was in town last Saturday.

Mr. Caulk, of Delaware, is visiting his sister, Mrs. O. E. Jones.

Mrs. William Alderson has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris in Wilmington.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Shockley, in Townsend.

Mr. John Anderson is spending this week in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Etherington spent Sunday with Mrs. R. W. Blackway.

Mr. James H. Smith is a Baltimore visitor this week.

Millard Taylor and William Brown, Jr., are on the sick list.

Mr. Philip Vandegrift has been visiting in Philadelphia and Woodbury, N. J.

Miss Ella G. Dubadaway is spending several days this week in Wilmington.

DRYS' CLAIMING ENOUGH VOTES

Report That Representatives From Rural New Castle Have Signed Petition

Dover, January 14th.—With the announcement to the House by Representative Pharo Wednesday afternoon that he would have a bill repealing the "bottle law," came a report that six members of the House from rural New Castle county had signed a petition for resubmission to the voters in rural New Castle of the question of the license or no license of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The Representatives reported to have signed the petition are Mr. McDonald, of Mill Creek hundred, Republican; Mr. Morrison, of White Clay Creek hundred, Republican; Mr. Ellison, of Pencader hundred, Republican; Mr. Pharo, of St. Georges hundred, Republican; Mr. Ginn, of Appoquinimink hundred, Democrat, and Mr. Armstrong, of Blackbird hundred, Democrat.

It also is said that Senator Hart, Democrat, of Townsend, has signed, and that Senator Flinn, Republican, Christiana hundred, and Senator Corbit, of St. Georges hundred, Republican, will sign making the required majority of members of both branches from rural New Castle county necessary for the Legislature to enact a law for resubmission in the rural county.

The Rev. John M. Arters, field agent of the Anti-Saloon League, is reported to have obtained the signatures of the House members, but Mr. Arters refused to deny or confirm it.

Any attempt to resubmit in rural New Castle county will be met by an endeavor on the part of the license advocates to have a State wide resubmission. When the rural New Castle county submission petition and bill are presented, if they are presented, an effort will be made to have it amended so as to include a submission of the license question again throughout the entire State, just as the license question was voted on a year ago.

The temperance advocates not only are claiming a majority of both branches favorable to their cause, but they are replying on Democratic members who are openly "wet" in their sentiments supporting a resubmission bill for rural New Castle county on the ground that the Democratic State platform declared in favor of submission whenever a constitutional majority of members of each branch from that district petitioned for submission. The temperance advocates are depending on the platform declaration to line up their members solidly for a resubmission bill for rural New Castle county should the petition be signed by a majority of members in each branch from that district.

Representative Pharo's "bottle law" repealer is designed to prohibit the selling of liquor in quantities less than one quart to be drunk off the licensed premises. Under the present law any saloon proprietor who pays the additional license of $25 has the privilege of selling in quantities less than one quart to be drunk off the premises. Should the repealer go through it would put an end to the sale of "half-pints" and the carrying of beer in kettles from saloons.

It was admitted by some of the members from rural New Castle, who had signed the local option petition that six signatures had been obtained in the House and that the signatures of Senator Flinn is the only one lacking to make up the required majority in both branches.

There is not much doubt but that Senator Flinn will sign.

TOWNSEND

Miss Mary Money was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. James Wilson, of Smyrna, spent Saturday with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee and son spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lee.

Mr. Earl Shockley left on Tuesday for the navy, where he has enlisted for four years.

Mr. Kemp Donovan was the guest of Mr. Samuel Smith in Wyoming, over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Maloney was the guest of relatives in Wilmington during the first of the week.

Mr. William Ames, of Roxborough, Pa., was a guest at the home of Miss Mary Money on Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Lynam and daughter, Mrs. W. C. Money, were the guests of Smyrna friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Money and Mrs. Mollie Naylor spent Wednesday with Walter Money and family, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lee and son, of near Clayton, spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Harry Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watts and son, of Cecilton, spent Sunday with her parents, L. B. Shockley and family.

Misses Edna and Grace Carpenter, of near Odessa, spent Saturday with their cousin, Miss Leilah Money.

Mr. William J. Ginn, of near McDonough, spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, Mr. George Ginn and family, near town.

Miss Arrelee H. Lattomus who has been spending the past three weeks with her parents here, returned to Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa., on Monday.

TO DISTINGUISH EGGS

People who have experienced the difficulty of distinguishing between "eggs," "fresh eggs" and "strictly fresh eggs," except by the way they are charged on the bill, will applaud the determination of a member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania to offer a bill when Congress reconvenes requiring dealers to classify their eggs strictly according to their age and in such a manner that even Mrs. Newlywed can tell exactly what she is buying. He proposes to have all eggs offered for sale branded as "storage," "freshly laid," "recently laid" and "doubtful." The suggestion has been made that the bill should require the poultryman to furnish every hen with a rubber stamp with which she could date her eggs as soon as they are laid. This would certainly be a good idea if it were practicable. The hen might, however, raise a question as to the constitutionality of the law, which would mean an appeal to the United States Supreme Court and would involve vexatious delay. Until it has been definitely determined that the hen comes within the jurisdiction of Congress, it will probably be better for that body to confine its attention exclusively to the poultry dealer.

WARWICK

Master Amos Wilson is convalescing.

Mr. W. T. Vinyard is in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. B. S. Hall has returned home, after a visit in Maryded.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Price were Philadelphia visitors this week.

Mrs. John H. Lofland returned to Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. John H. M. Garner was a Philadelphia visitor one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove were the guests of Mrs. Robert Snyder on Sunday.

Mr. James Boyles and sister, Mrs. McDonald, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Boyles on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lattomus, of near Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. John Lattomus on Sunday.

Mrs. Almedia Moore, of Chester, spent part of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holden.

Many Warwicktonians attended the King's Minstrels at the Middletown Opera House on Monday evening.

There will be preaching at the M. P Church to-morrow at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and 7.15 P. M., Rev. C. M. Cullum pastor.

Mrs. James S. Merritt and daughter, Mrs. Andrew Reynolds, of Galt, were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Merritt on Tuesday.

The Rev. Mr. Gill of Washington, D. C., did not assist the Rev. C. M. Cullum as scheduled, in his revival meetings of the past week, owing to the serious illness of his son.

Returning from Middletown on Saturday evening and being unable to see where he was driving owing to the extreme darkness, Mr. James Vinyard drove into a gully, upsetting his carriage and throwing the occupants out. His wife being one of the number, received an ugly cut on the head which was later attended by a physician who found it necessary to take several stitches in order to close the gash. His brother, M. L. Vinyard, received a sprained ankle and wrist. Miss Caldwell is nursing sore feet the wheel passing over them, whilst the driver received a sprained wrist.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1909—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Isaac Guessford, on the Gray Deakyne farm, at Smyrna Landing. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19st, 1909.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Stephen J. Keen, on the road leading from Greenspring to Records' Mills. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1909.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c. by Frederick Knotts at his residence, on the "Appleton Farm," on the road from Odessa to Townsend. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1909—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c, by John W. Carrow, Sr., near Mt. Pleasant. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1909—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. S. Money, Executor, on the Elliot Farm, one mile west of Townsend, Del.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1909—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Jas. T. Shallcross, at his Home place, near McDonough. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1909.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Harry S. Willey, on the John Townsend farm, near Townsend. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1909.—Public sale of Household Goods and Kitchen Furniture by John P. Cochran, Jr., at his home on the road leading from Middletown to Warwick, Md.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1909.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Manlove D. Wilson on the road leading from Fieldsborough to Noxontown Mills. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1909—Public sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by John P. Cochran, Jr., Agt. at his residence, one mile west of Middletown.

TAFT'S TRIP TO PANAMA

Preparations are under way at Norfolk for fitting out the armored cruiser North Carolina for the trip to be taken aboard her by President-elect Taft and a party of six engineers to the Isthmus of Panama the latter part of the month.

Stores and supplies of all kinds necessary will be taken aboard at Norfolk for the entire trip. Mrs. Taft is to go with the President-elect, and his private secretary also will be a member of the party.

Before leaving for Charleston, S. C., the cruiser probably will take a run outside with her sister ship, the Montana, which is to act as a convoy for the North Carolina on the trip to Panama, for the purpose of thoroughly testing the engines and seeing that everything is in readiness for the voyage to the isthmus.

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If your blood is impure, thin, diseased hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich Druggists or by express $1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. S. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.00	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	60
Timothy Seed	$2.35	" cob	60
Clover Seed	.13	Oats	62

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz.	32@34
Country Butter, per lb.	32@38
Creamery Butter, per lb.	41
Lard, per lb.	14@18
Live Chickens, per lb.	12@14
Ootatoes	50

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
Middletown, Del., Jan. 6th, 1909.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15th, 1909.
JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA, DEL., Jan. 6th, 1909.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF (3½) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable on and after the 13th inst.
JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 26th, 1907.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after January 1st, 1909.
G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence on the road leading from Records' Mill to Duck Creek,

Tuesday, JAN. 19, 1906

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

The following described Personal Property to-wit:

4 HEAD OF HORSES and COLTS

No. 1—Star Durock, Jr., dark bay Stallion, 7 years old, 16 hands, weighs 1100 lbs., sired by Star Durock, dam a Spring Hill mare. This is a very fine horse, a sure colt getter, and as a work or driving horse there are few his equal. This horse is a money maker to the purchaser. I bought this horse of Walter Myers of Blackiston's Cross Roads.

No. 2—Bird, bay mare, a good work and brood mare, believed to be in foal by No. 1.

No. 3—Fanny, bay mare, 3 years old in the spring. I have broken her to all harness, and she promises to make an excellent road mare, fearless of all objects.

No. 4—May, bay colt, 8 months old, sired by George Morris' stallion, dam No. 2. This is a fine colt.

One Boar Hog, Jersey Red, and a fine one, 14 months old.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

Two farm wagons, in good order; 1 horse cart, 1 eleven-disc Buckeye grain drill, 1 ten-hoe Missouri grain drill, 1 McCormick binder, 1 Deering mower, 1 Buckeye wheel cultivator, 1 Little Diamond wheel cultivator, 2 two-horse Oliver plows 3 one-horse plows, 3 Hand cultivators, 2 truck harrows, 1 75-tooth iron harrow, 1 disc harrow, 1 roller, 1 peach bed and springs, will carry 60 baskets; 1 tomato rigging, 1 set bolster springs, 1 corn sheller, nearly new; 1 New Holland No. 1 feed mill, 1 Appleton feed mill, 1 grain fan, with bagger attachment; 1 lawn mower, 1 garden seeder and all attachment, in good order; 1 20-foot ladder, 1 ladder, 14 feet long; 1 book lader, sixteen feet long; one peach ladder, 300 tomato baskets, 300 bushel crates, one wheel barrow grass seeder, one spraying pump, one circular saw and bench, lot belting, 4 sets plow gears, one set carriage harness, new; one set wagon harness, 4 collars, 4 bridles, one farm bell, one No. 3 Buffalo bellows, one cider mill, 2, 3 and 4-horse trees, forks, shovels, hoes and many other articles not mentioned.

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of $20 and under, the cash will be required; on sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved security, interest added. No goods to be removed until conditions are complied with.

STEPHEN J. KEEN.
W. HARMAN REYNOLDS, Auctioneer.

M. BANNING,

DEALER IN FINE

GROCERIES!

Here are some of our specials for the next week. Men's heavy fleeced underwear the best goods that can be had on the market were 50c., now 38c. Boys' heavy fleeced underwear were 30c. now 25c. One lot Ladies underwear, were 25c. now 15c. Several patterns of Outing Flannel were 10c. now 8c. also a lot of Bates, Palmer & Red Seal Seersucker was 12c. and 12½ now 10c. also a lot of shaker Flannel was 12c. now 10c. 7 bars of 5c. Toilet soap & 1 box of Talcum Powder 25c. New Can Corn at 7c. per can, Merry War Lye was 10c., now 5c.

Come and get the first choice before these bargains are all gone.

You will also find a full line of goods such as is kept in a first class store.

Long distance phone, 60.

M. BANNING.

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Middletown, . . Del.

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JANUARY SALE

Our January Sale is on. Our complete stock of Men's, Youths' and Little Boys' Winter Suits and Overcoats at ⅓ off regular prices. Every desirable style is included in this reduction. The line of sizes is complete. Men's Suits and Overcoats, were $10, $12, $15 and $20, now $7.50, $9.00, $11.25 and $15. Youths', $6, $8, $10 and $12, now $4.50, $6, $7.50 and $9. Little Boys' $4.00, $5.00, $6 and $8, now $3, $3.75, $4.50 and $6.00. "Special" values in Suits for Men, all sizes at $6, $7.50 and $8.50 in Greys and Brown Worsteds. Winter Underwear, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings.

MULLIN'S MEN'S STORE
WILMINGTON

Down go the Prices.....

OUR ANNUAL

Jan. Clearance Sale

BEGINS

Saturday, Jan. 2d

The announcemet is welcome news to the patrons of this store. You have all learned our Motto: "Never to carry any goods over from one season to the other." This is done regardless of cost—no matter what the loss may be. Advertised "reduction sales" are so common these days, but it is a mistaken idea to suppose that all reduction sales are.

The people of this vicinity have always found good merchandise at lower prices than elsewhere, and always found everything as represented and advertised in this store. So come and be convinced, as you will find everything as represented. Come early before all these bargains go at such low prices. You will wonder how we do it.

A. FOGEL,

Middletown, Delaware.